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Editorial

After More Than Four Years--- A Summation

After four and a half years of work on the assassination of President Kennedy, we have come to the unhappy conclusion that the successful conspiracy was a combination of three forces. In our opinion, there was no foreign involvement. In our opinion, the three parties were some of the independent oil interests, particularly of the southwest; the military; and Lyndon Johnson. To us, Johnson was a very important third of the trio since he would be the only one who could assure immunity to the others after the deed was successfully accomplished.

CUI BONO

From November 22, 1963, "Cui Bono" should have

been in every newspaper, and on the lips of every member of Congress. For the past thousand years "Who Gained" has been a legitimate question the courts have asked when trying to determine motive. Who gained. In this case, the press, the courts, and the people were too frightened and shocked to demand and know the truth.

There is overwhelming evidence pointing toward a conspiracy. Furthermore there is enough evidence pointing toward President Johnson that had he been an ordinary citizen, he would have been brought to trial years ago. When a man becomes President after an assassination, is he immune from ugly questions about destroyed evidence? We must determine soon whether this is a nation run by men or by laws.

With the last shot fired in Dealey Plaza the Federal Government began destroying the evidence.

One of the most blatant acts of destruction of evidence must be blamed directly on Lyndon Johnson. The President's limousine, the car in which President Kennedy was killed, was taken to Detroit, Michigan and completely demolished as far as legal evidence is concerned. The old body was taken off and replaced with a new steel body with bulletproof glass. In our judicial system, this is a clear case of destruction of material evidence, and the nation should have demanded an accounting from Johnson.

All of us know that such an important and historic piece of evidence as this automobile should have been placed immediately in a museum or in the National Archives where all could view it for the next thousand years.

Another destruction of evidence charge should have been made against Lyndon Johnson concerning Governor John Connally's coat. Many of us have felt for a long time that the bullet which hit the Governor came from the top of the Dallas County Jail, or Records building as it was also called. And this might have been established had the metal traces at the point of entry been left on the threads of the Governor's coat. But when the coat was finally presented to the Warren Commission, it had been cleaned and pressed.

According to Congressman Henry B. Gonzalez of San Antonio, Texas, (1) the Governor's personal effects were signed for by him at Parkland Hospital at the request of Clifton C. Carter, an aide to Johnson. The personal effects which were in two brown paper bags were placed by the Congressman into a closet of his Washington office.

One weekend while the Congressman was back in Texas, Cliff Carter called the office of the Congressman, and notified the secretary that Carter was sending two Secret Service Men over to pick up the Governor's property. Congressman Gonzalez did not know what was in the two paper bags; he insisted he had never opened either of them.

Some months later, when the coat and shirt were presented in evidence before the Warren Commission, the coat had been cleaned and pressed. This is another obvious case of destruction of evidence, but no one asked the proper questions to determine who was responsible.

We think the bullet which struck John Connally came from the Dallas jail. During World War I, long range artillery guns firing on Paris could be located generally by the shell markings on the walls of the city. Certainly other and more scientific devices have been put into use since World War I, and could have been used had not the

evidence been destroyed. No one has asked the Secret Service or Clifton Carter as to why they felt it necessary to have the coat "destroyed" as legal evidence.

In addition to the "destruction of evidence," the President continues to withhold much of the investigative reports from the people. Thousands of pages of reports remain locked in the archives and marked Secret or Top Secret. The present order is for these reports to remain secret until some vague future date which may be as late as September 2039. If Oswald was indeed the lone killer,
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what is the real reason for this secrecy? The material is withheld by executive order, again pointing directly at President Johnson. Regardless of the real value of the suppressed files, however, enough of this material has been published to completely destroy the stated findings of the Warren Commission.

Let us point out what we consider a real danger to the democracy from these unopened files. When the public does demand an honest answer, since the files are secret, those in charge could place newly manufactured reports in the files to point the finger of guilt towards any chosen patsy.

Everyone who has wanted to know has found that the autopsy performed on President Kennedy was a dishonest piece of medical work, regardless of what may or may not be hidden in the national archives. Harold Weisberg has said: "President Kennedy got the autopsy of a bowery bum, while Lee Oswald got the autopsy befitting a President." It makes little difference, however, that the President's body was taken illegally from Dallas. If the planners could kill in Dallas, they certainly could have arranged a fixed autopsy in Dallas. It was convenient, however, to have the body back in Washington where slips were less likely in an autopsy report prepared by members of the armed forces under the command of President Johnson.

Taking the investigation out of the hands of Congress was another hint of Johnson's involvement. Congress did not realize what had happened, so it initiated a Congressional investigation only to have conflict and duplication when President Johnson appointed the Warren Commission.

Coming to the Presidency as Johnson did, we feel the proper thing for him would have been to stand aside with folded arms and urge Congress to find out just who had killed John Kennedy. Instead of pursuing its own investigation, Congress meekly dropped its efforts leaving Johnson's Commission alone to determine guilt. Then the President's Commission hastily decided to have the FBI and CIA, who were involved as a part of the military operatives, to act as the investigative and information gathering arms of the Commission. This is like appointing a fox to watch the geese.

Another brazen act by President Johnson was to permit FBI agent Regis Kennedy to refuse to testify before the New Orleans grand jury. Agent Kennedy gave executive privilege as his reason for refusing to talk to the grand jury investigating the assassination. It is inconceivable to

us that every federal cop in the country can refuse to talk to a secret grand jury on grounds that he works for the President; therefore can remain silent.

In every Jack Ruby letter smuggled from the Dallas jail, Ruby plainly said that Johnson was behind the plot. This is the first time a President of the United States has been accused of murder. At least it is the first time a President of the United States has been accused by another member of the plotting group. (Admittedly Ruby did not "squeal" until he belatedly learned he also was being used as a patsy.) A few writers have dismissed Ruby as a "mad man," but Ruby was not mad. Ruby became "mad" only when he had finished this mission for his masters. During the State Bar Convention held in Dallas in 1963, Jack Ruby was important enough to be escorted by attorneys and introduced as though he were a guest of honor. Before the assassination, Jack Ruby was important enough to be a dinner guest in the homes of some of the wealthy of Dallas.

Three governors in the United States have flatly and repeatedly refused to extradite persons charged with the conspiracy. One would think the governors' actions would cause a national scandal, but they have not.

When two Republican Governors and one Democrat continue to protect the accused conspirators from coming to trial the denials on extradition become larger than party politics. Particularly strange is the behavior of Governor Connally. His body stopped some of the bullets intended for President Kennedy, but Connally still refuses to permit Sergio Arcacha Smith to return to Louisiana to stand trial. The fact that Smith once worked for H. L. Hunt may account in part for his continued protection in Dallas.

The Midlothian Mirror has the names of ninety witnesses whose testimony was taken in Dallas, but whose testimony was flown directly to Washington. Not even the Attorney General of Texas was allowed to see the testimony of those ninety witnesses. (How does that grab you who believe in the separation of state and federal authority?) Some of these ninety specially handled witnesses are now dead. Some of those with whom we have talked state positively that their testimony was altered after they gave it in Dallas. Such handling of witness testimony is very unusual, and points directly to the President and the Commission he appointed.

Failure of the President's Commission to use a modern computer in its work must reflect on that Commission. Computers are used extensively in this nation for almost every type of research or investigation. A modern computer with an honest programmer, could assist materially in finding the true killer of President Kennedy. On November 22, 1963, when newsmen questioned how so much evidence was gathered so quickly against Lee Oswald, the FBI said that they were using a computer. That statement now seems to have been untrue, but the need for a computer is still imperative.

It is important to mention that modern methods were used in an effort to ascertain the mood of the people. In order to find out what people were thinking after the assassination, more than a hundred scientists were immediately put to work around the clock. The most modern technique was used on a "crash program" basis, and the conclusions of the scientists' survey were available before

the President named the Warren Commission. (2)

The question arises: Did the new President seek such knowledge so he could use all the correct phraseology to allay the public's fears? As possessor of such information the new President could make all the proper statements calculated to soothe and placate the public in advance of the 1964 election.

THE MILITARY

The military, with its annual budget of eighty billion dollars is simply too powerful to be overlooked in killing the Chief of State. Had the military so chosen, it could have taken over the investigation, and possibly the country, if the truth had been really sought. Certainly four of the police agencies of the nation would not have been involved had they not been assured of the military's attitude.

The FBI, under J. Edgar Hoover, was no friend of the

(2) These conclusions were disclosed in "The Kennedy Assassination and The American Public," Greenberg and Parker published by Stanford University Press.

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Kennedys. The CIA, under the Kennedys, has suffered great humiliation at the Bay of Pigs. The regular armed forces of the United States win promotions and ribbons more rapidly during wartime conditions. In September, 1963, President Kennedy reduced the forces in Vietnam, from 18,000 to 12,000, and he had planned to make further reductions there.

These things galled to the killing point, and the plot developed into a positive plan of action. After the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., James Farmer, former president of CORE, was referring to the many unsolved killings of Negroes, but his remarks apply also to the assassination of President Kennedy. Farmer said: "—these assassins not only have gone without punishment, they have been gone without pursuit."

A recent charge by New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison throws more light on our accusation that the FBI as well as the CIA was involved in the assassination. Garrison revealed that on November 17, 1963, the FBI sent out an inter-agency telegram to all stations advising of a known plot to kill President Kennedy in Dallas. This telegram might have been sent as a result of the information given to the FBI and the Secret Service by the Miami Police Department on November 15, 1963. (3)

Instead of the FBI or the administration refuting the Garrison information, an untrue story about Garrison was planted in some of the nation's leading newspapers. This story claimed that Garrison had a history of mental troubles which related to his discharge from the Army after World War II.

The charge made by Garrison should have brought on a Congressional investigation. Not only does Congress continue to shy away from anything relating to the assassination, some Congressmen are so frightened when the assassination is mentioned that they will speak of the matter only in whispers.

The continuing interference and harrassment by fed-

eral agents against those of us who remain at work on the assassination is evidence enough to warrant a grand jury investigation. Our phones are tapped. FBI men show up in numbers when some of us plan to meet, or when we have discussed over the phone a seemingly important new lead. "Federal Agents" hounded Hank Killam to his death as early as mid-February of 1964. (4)

Although advance knowledge of the assassination was on a strict "need to know" basis, some members of the Dallas Police knew the murder was planned. Many people in Dallas were eagerly carrying out instructions with only a faint hint and hope as to what was really going to happen. We contend, however, that Sheriff Bill Decker and Lieutenant George Butler (5) of the Dallas Police force were only two of the persons who had to know the entire story.

Decker was not questioned thoroughly by the Commission, and Butler was not called as a witness. Decker needs to be questioned now since it has been learned recently that he had a deputy, who is an expert rifleman, assigned to the top of the Dallas County jail with a rifle at the time the Presidential parade passed. A new custom built silencer had been delivered to this rifleman a few weeks earlier.

We have written two books on the strange deaths which have been necessary to keep the conspiracy quiet up to this time. We will not recount these deaths here. There have been recent deaths which seem significant and more will have to be killed in order to continue to contain their terrible knowledge.

In addition to the deaths, there are a number of strange disappearances, some strange accidents, and a few attempted murders. Still the American people are unconcerned because the American press has been unconcerned.

SOME INDEPENDENT OIL

We claim that some independent oil interests were involved during the planning stages of the assassination.

President Kennedy had some economists working on plans to reduce the 27½% depletion allowance, which is the oil industry's tax gift from the Federal Government. With five billion dollars annual income from oil and gas in Texas, any reduction of the 27½% gift would be a sizable figure. And any reduction was unacceptable to the oil industry.

H. L. Hunt, the Murchisons of Dallas, and the Sid Richardson empire of Ft. Worth are the three large oil kingdoms in Texas. The FBI, who could not protect the President, could take the time and effort to hustle H. L. Hunt out of Dallas on Delta Flight 44 on that November 22 afternoon.

The repeated references by witnesses to the close association of Oswald's best friend, George DeMohrenschildt, and Herman Brown of Houston was an overlooked and un-evaluated relationship concerning the oil industry to the assassination.

If the big oil men knew, then some of Wall Street knew. The book "Were We Controlled?" (6) makes a very good

case that some of Wall Street knew of the coming murder. The charge is made by author "Lawrence," a pen name, that with their prior knowledge, these men made a profit of six hundred million dollars by selling short before the drop in the market. There is strong evidence that some of the top bankers in Dallas knew, and took advantage of their privileged information.

Those of us who continue to work on this case realize we are merely gathering the bits and pieces of overlooked evidence left behind after a ruthless campaign to destroy any possibility of solution. With the passage of time, we continue to learn more and more of the vastness of the plot, along with the staggering sums of money seemingly spent with such complete abandon.

We are now willing to estimate that not less than fifty persons were brought into Texas to help create the atmosphere so prevalent: "The President is coming today, I must go and get my gun." It takes much work and coordination to create such a feeling to cause hundreds of school children to cheer and jump with joy when the death of the President was announced. Some of the people imported to Texas, especially in the communications field, bought businesses and expensive homes which were sold at sacrifice prices upon their departure from Texas shortly after the assassination.

Now many of us working on this case are convinced that a similar expensive manipulation of the public consciousness is in the making. We fear the present riots

- (3 & 4) FORGIVE MY GRIEF, VOL. II
- (5) FORGIVE MY GRIEF, VOL. I
- (6) Lincoln Lawrence, University Books

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